

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 053466-0365

Applicant: Hiroaki ITO et al.

Title: A PREVENTATIVE OR THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR
INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE COMPRISING IL-6
ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE INGREDIENT

Appl. No.: Unassigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Va. 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the present application be amended, prior to examination, as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: